

Resolution 2015-04-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LLANO, TEXAS RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR EFFICIENT, COST-EFFECTIVE, NON-INTRUSIVE LIGHTING TO PRESERVE THE BENEFIT AND ENJOYMENT OF THE NIGHT SKY

WHEREAS, The City of Llano and residents recognize the Texas Hill Country for its rich cultural heritage, breathtaking scenic beauty, and ethics for land stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the use of night lighting for security and illumination for residential and commercial applications has been steadily increasing in recent years and has negatively impacted the enjoyment of the night sky and appreciation of the natural benefits of our rural heritage and community aesthetic; and

WHEREAS, due to the increased night lighting and the poor design and practices of many light fixtures creating the accompanying light trespass from night lighting fixtures, disturbing the natural environment and the quality of life of the people in this community by, among other things, reducing night sky visibility and enjoyment for landowners and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the City of Llano is committed to supporting practices that limit or minimize light trespass from night lighting fixtures in order to protect the beauty of the night skies and allow others the full benefit and use of their private property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LLANO, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF LLANO;

Will encourage outdoor lighting fixtures and practices that follow up-to-date suggested guidelines and use available technologies for efficient, cost-effective, non-intrusive lighting and will work with its partners to educate and encourage land owners, businesses, resident communities and public entities to join this commitment to reduce energy consumption, save money and reduce light trespass.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LLANO, TEXAS ON THIS, THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2015.

Mikel Virdell, Mayor

Toni Milam, City Secretary